& Kashmir, Karnataka and Maharashtra are nearing cent per cent electrification. Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh have not achieved 50 per cent of village electrification.

(b) The slow progress of village electrification in some States is due to shortage of power, difficult terrain in hilly and tribal areas, poor load growth, short supply of construction materials, inadequate sub-transmission system, etc.

(c) The States which had less than 65 per cent village electrification as on 31-3-1985 have been covered under Revised Minimum Needs Programme during the Seventh Plan. Under this Programme, funds are allocated on liberal terms to supplement the efforts of the States so as to bring them to the desired level of electrification. Periodical review meetings are being held with the State Governments/ State Electricity Boards/Rural Electrification Corporation to increase the pace of electrification and eectively coordinate the activities of the State Electrcity Boards with other developmental agencies of the States.

Taking over of BSES

870. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have directed the Government of Maharashtra to prevent the Maharashtra State Electricity Board from take over the Bombay Sub-urban Electric Supply; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Secooters India Ltd.

871. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scooters India Ltd. manages to produce a scooter that costs about Rs. 22,000/- and then sells it for about Rs. 10,500/-; and

(b) if so, what are the facts and how much public money has been spent by the Scooters India Ltd. during the last three years, year-wise, to pay for its annual losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Whereas the sale price of Scooters is fixed by Scooters India Limited on market considerations, the cost of production is comparatively high on account of unabsorbed fixed overheads resulting from low capacity utilisation and interest burden.

Non-Plan assistance given by Government to Scooters India Limited in the last three years are:

Year	Amount Rs. in lakhs
1984-85	750
1985/86	600
1986/87	900

Acts passed by parliament

872. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Bills passed by Parliament with reference to the date on which they were passed but to which assent of the President is awaited; and

(b) the names of the Bills which have been passed by Parliament to which assent of the President has been given but have not yet been enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986, passed by the Lok Sabha on 18th November, 1986 and by the Rajya Sabha on 10th December, 1986 and which was submitted to the President for assent on 19th December, 1986, is the only Bill to which the assent of the President is awaited.

(b) Information is being collected from the Ministries and Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prime Minister's meeting with Church Authorities in Kerala during his Election Tour

873. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that while on an election tour to Kerala recently, the Prime Minister held a meeting in Raj Bhavan with Bishops and other Church authorities in the background of Christian votes;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and how the Election Commission of India has rsponded thereto; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government's attention was drawn to a news item in a local daily wherein a reference had been made to the meeting between the Prime Minister and some Bishops of Kerala during his electioneering in that State.

The Election Commission forwarded the news item to the Cabinet Secretariat and asked for comments in order to consider the matter further. The clarification received by the Election Commission from the Cabinet Secretariat show that the Prime Minister had met a number of people during his visit to Trivandrum, including a delegation of Bishops; however, the Prime Minister had not said or done anything to infringe the Model Code of Conduct.

(c) Does not arise.

Elections in Haryana

874. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission of India has expressed its unhappiness over the elections in Haryana not being held in March, 1987 and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is the statutory obligation of the Election Commission to prepare and keep ready electoral rolls in various States; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate occassions of probability of similar unhappiness of the Election Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) According to a Press Release dated 4-2-1987, the Election Commission of India was not happy over the difficulties pointed out by the Haryana Government for not completing the revision of rolls according to schedule and therefore a further review had to be undertaken. Consequently, the Commission had to de-link the elections to the Haryana State Legislative Assembly from the elections to the Legislative Assemblies of the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and West Bengal. The Commission directed the C.E.O. Haryana to take remedial measures expeditiously.